

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of September 23, 2008 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due. However, the Examiner is expressly authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 21 were deemed to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 8, and 15 were objected to due to informalities. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended, which Applicants believe should obviate this objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

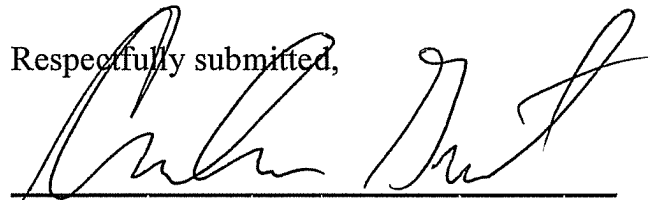
Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection, but in the interest of advancing the prosecution, Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended, which Applicants believe should obviate this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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Respectfully submitted,

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